



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 10 June 2008

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- Fox News reports that ConEdison, American Superconductor, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security plan to launch a program, which will provide a new electrical superconducting cable in the New York City area. The change will link up substations and allow them to share excess capacity in case of natural disasters and terrorist attacks. (See item [4](#))
- According to ABC News, the FBI is warning computer users about fake e-mails purporting to be from the FBI's Internet Fraud Complaint Center and the British government. The new scam claims to involve a reimbursement of funds lost from Internet fraud. (See item [15](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 9, Bloomberg* – (International) **Petronas says lack of investments pushing oil higher.** Petroliaam Nasional Bhd.'s chief executive officer said a lack of spending in oil and gas exploration is causing growth in output to lag behind demand gains, pushing prices to records. "The industry's chronic level of under investments in the 1980s and 1990s have contributed significantly to today's production constraints," he said Monday. "While we should not underestimate the magnitude of the below-ground challenges from maturing producing fields to the difficult geology of frontier areas, the world is not

running out of energy resources.” Global demand for oil this year will be little changed at 87.5 million barrels a day as weaker growth in nations belonging to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is offset by rising demand in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, he said. Countries must remove fuel subsidies because they lead to “unmitigated consumption and market distortions that are unmanageable in the long run,” he said. India and Malaysia raised oil-product prices last week to reduce government subsidies that have swelled as crude oil doubled in the past year. Oil in New York has doubled in the past year and reached a record \$139.12 a barrel on June 6.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601207&sid=aqtQYdZcgtq8&refer=energy>

2. *June 9, Hess Corporation* – (International) **G8 puts weight behind CCS.** Energy ministers from the G8 group of rich nations on Sunday pledged to launch 20 large projects to bury greenhouse gas by 2010 and deploy the technology a decade later. G8 ministers plus counterparts from China, India, and South Korea said carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology had a ‘critical role’ to play in tackling climate change and energy security. “We strongly support the recommendation that 20 large-scale CCS demonstration projects need to be launched globally by 2010 with a view to supporting technology development and cost reduction for the beginning of broad deployment of CCS by 2020,” a joint statement said. The International Energy Agency (IEA) has recommended the commercial use of CCS technology by 2020. The IEA report released on Friday said the world needed to effectively decarbonize the power sector by building dozens of billion-dollar CCS plants over the next 40 years. Cutting emissions by half, the IEA predicted, would cost \$45 trillion during the next 40 years.
Source: <http://www.hessenergy.com/common/NewsItem.aspx?ArticleId=18628955>
3. *June 9, Associated Press* – (Midwest) **Violent weather tears across Midwest.** Large swaths of three Midwest states were declared disaster areas as days of vicious storms and flooding forced rescuers into boats and residents to flee flooded communities. In Indiana, President Bush late Sunday declared a major disaster in 29 counties. In Wisconsin, the governor sought emergency aid for 29 counties. In Iowa, the governor said nearly a third of his state’s 99 counties need federal help. Hundreds of thousands of customers lacked power across the region. Intense thunderstorms battered Michigan on Sunday with winds of up to 80 mph and more than five inches of rain, knocking out electrical service to more than 515,000 homes and businesses.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25020185/>
4. *June 6, Fox News* – (National) **Project Hydra: Keeping power out of the hands of terrorists.** The closer the New York City grid gets to hitting capacity and buckling from consumer demand, the more and more vulnerable it becomes to natural disasters and terrorist attacks causing blackouts, rolling outages, and cascading failures. ConEdison, American Superconductor, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security are determined to keep the lights on in New York no matter what terrorists throw at the grid. In less than two years, the three organizations plan to launch a program they are calling the Resilient Electric Grid, which provides a new superconductor cable that can link up

stations and ensure the steady flow of juice to all parts of the city. Right now, if an area like the financial district is targeted and goes down, the grid will not allow any other stations to assist by donating electricity to keep the lights on in that area. But when this superconducting cable is integrated with the existing electrical grid, it will link up substations and allow them to share excess capacity in case of an emergency. The effort was dubbed “Project Hydra.” Once the capability for multi-path electrical resilience goes live in the New York City electric grid in 2010, the plan is to roll out Hydra to protect other national critical infrastructure.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,364104,00.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *June 8, Ledger* – (Florida) **Acid spill contained at plant.** A retaining wall prevented hundreds of gallons of a hazardous chemical from spreading out onto the grounds of a Lakeland, Florida, processing plant early Saturday morning. An employee at Purada Processing discovered a leaking valve on a 2,000-gallon tank of hydrochloric acid and quickly called Lakeland fire, said a Polk County Fire and EMS spokeswoman. Lakeland firefighters and members of the Polk County Hazardous Materials team worked together to contain the spill. The tank, which is outside the plant, was leaking about one to two gallons per minute, the official said. Fortunately, a retaining wall kept the chemical from spreading as Hazardous Material team members, wearing protective gear, shut off the valve. The official estimated the tank leaked about 200 gallons. A Lakeland fire spokesman said investigators are still trying to determine how the leak sprung. The plant uses the acid to refine glycerin used to produce pharmaceuticals, detergents and cosmetics, he said. Hydrochloric acid can cause chemical burns if exposed to the skin, and can damage internal organs if restricted to a contained space, both officials said.

Source: <http://lledit.ny.publicus.com/article/20080608/NEWS/806080380>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *June 9, Reuters* – (Florida) **FPL’s Florida St Lucie 2 reactor exits outage.** FPL Group Inc.’s Unit 2 at the Saint Lucie nuclear power station exited an outage and ramped up to 45 percent power by early Monday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. Operators shut the reactor from full power on June 7 due to the loss of a condensate pump. The loss of the condensate pump led to the trip of a main feedwater pump and decreasing water levels in the steam generators. That was the second manual shutdown of the unit over the past few days. On June 4, operators shut the reactor after a circuit tripped, shutting a heater drain pump that led to the trip of a main feedwater pump and decreasing water levels in the steam generators.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0944724020080609>

7. *June 9, Reuters* – (Arizona) **APS Ariz. Palo Verde 1 reactor starts to exit outage.** Arizona Public Service’s Unit 1 at the Palo Verde nuclear power station started to exit

an outage and ramped up to 19 percent power by early Monday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The unit shut June 6 after a weld failed on a pipe carrying boron water needed in the reactor process. It connects a tank holding boron water with the reactor coolant system.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0945360320080609>

8. *June 9, Patriot-News* – (National) **Disposal of nuclear waste nears crisis stage.**

Making nuclear medicines creates radioactive trash that must be shipped to one of three specially licensed facilities for storage. On July 1, one of those three, the Energy Solutions landfill in South Carolina, will close. For Pennsylvania and 35 other states, it is the only place to send some forms of low-level radioactive waste. And while alternative temporary storage might be available, experts say a bigger issue is finding a long-term solution. “This will be a national crisis,” said the director of Pennsylvania’s Radiation Control Program (RCP). “Many states will not have adequate storage.” The lack of disposal capacity is driving some companies that make nuclear medicines out of the country, said the director of Pennsylvania’s RCP. State and industry officials are anticipating that the private sector will fill the void. Waste Control Specialists in Texas is seeking permission to accept higher-level radioactive waste at its facility.

Source:

<http://www.pennlive.com/news/patriotnews/index.ssf?/base/news/1212963006280660.xml&coll=1&thispage=1>

9. *June 7, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. court upholds conviction in Bush al Qaeda plot.** A U.S. appeals court on Friday upheld the conviction of an American citizen for plotting to assassinate President George W. Bush and conspiring with al Qaeda. The man, who was born in Texas and lived in Falls Church, Virginia, was arrested in June 2003 while studying at a Saudi university and was held in Saudi custody for 20 months before being returned to the U.S. after being indicted. “He joined an al Qaeda terrorist cell in Saudi Arabia in order to engage in jihad against the U.S. He plotted to assassinate the president and other officials, to hijack and destroy American planes and to attack nuclear power stations in the United States,” the court said.

Source: <http://in.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idINIndia-33948220080607?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

10. *June 7, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Environment Department to investigate drum disposal at WIPP.** The state Environment Department will investigate the improper disposal of a drum filled with radioactive liquid at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in southeastern New Mexico. The drum was shipped from Los Alamos National Laboratory, and an Environment Department spokeswoman says investigators will try to determine who was responsible for the improper disposal. The Environment Department says WIPP plans to remove the drum.

Source: <http://kob.com/article/stories/S469610.shtml?cat=516>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *June 9, Contractor UK* – (International) **Hackers disable anti-crime website.** Hackers have defaced one of the United Kingdom government's websites to tackle crime in an attempt to steal the bank account details of up to 20 million people. They effectively disabled the Home Office's 'crime reduction' website last Sunday by superimposing on it a web page from Poste, an Italian bank, for about 12 hours. Posing as the bank, the hackers then emailed millions of its customers and instructed them to visit and use the page to enter their details as part of an account update. Poste was not immediately available to comment, though one former hacker said the attempted fraud seemed more of an attack on the Home Office than the bank. The Home Office has reportedly responded to last Sunday's breach by undertaking a review of website security.
Source: <http://www.contractoruk.com/news/003824.html>
12. *June 8, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds investigating Chattanooga trader for investment scam.** Federal investigators are looking into more than 100 reports of an investment scam involving a Chattanooga, Tennessee, foreign currencies trader with offices in multiple states. A South Carolina FBI agent confirmed the investigation into the business practices of a suspect as creditors are currently seeking relief in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. A U.S. Bankruptcy Judge issued an order Friday allowing an interim trustee to begin taking possession of his bank accounts and other property. A Chattanooga attorney filed a petition for involuntary bankruptcy last month on behalf of four out-of-state creditors who say they are owed a combined \$1.1 million. He said based on e-mails from other investors that the amount could reach \$10 million. The suspect had offices in Chattanooga, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Orlando, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, but they are all closed and he could not be reached for comment.
Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2008/jun/08/feds-investigating-chattanooga-trader-investment-s/>
13. *June 8, Consumer Affairs* – (National) **Report: Data breach disclosure laws don't slow down identity theft.** In the wake of the many high-profile data breaches, lost laptops, and other exposures of personal information, the conventional wisdom has been to pass laws governing how data is controlled. These laws emphasize security and notifying affected individuals that their data has been compromised. But a new research report claims that data breach disclosure laws have no measurable effect on cases of identity theft, due to the many factors that hinder accurate reporting of cases of identity theft and connecting them to known breaches. A research team at Carnegie Mellon University used data on identity theft supplied by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and performed analyses of states that had passed legislation governing data breaches from 2002 to 2006. According to the researchers, "We [found] no statistically significant effect that laws reduce identity theft, even after considering income, urbanization, strictness of law and interstate commerce." An official survey released in 2007 by the FTC found that 8.3 million Americans claimed to be a victim of identity theft or related

crimes. The team noted that the reliance on FTC data may harm their ultimate conclusions. The team also noted that consumers affected by breaches may not be doing enough to protect themselves or their information, and that companies may comply with breach laws, but do not exert enough serious effort to improve security procedures. The report also supports industry assertions that corporate data breaches, such as outside attacks or lost laptops, may not be as large a contributor to identity theft as other forms of theft.

Source: http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2008/06/data_breaches.html

14. *June 7, Journal Gazette* – (Indiana) **ID scam hijacks Grabill Bank's ID.** Identity thieves are using Grabill Bank's name in a flurry of e-mails, text messages, recorded phone messages, and live phone calls trying to trick area residents into revealing their personal financial information. Grabill's executive vice president said she has no clue why the subsidiary of Fort Wayne, Indiana-based, Independent Alliance Banks Inc. was targeted. The scammers used a forceful approach Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday sending a deluge of messages. Some found Grabill Bank customers, but many others reached people who do not do business with the bank. Bank officials have worked with the Federal Trade Commission to shut down the website link included in some messages and the phone numbers mentioned in others, she said. At least one of the phone numbers had a Southern California area code. Bank officials also notified the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana.

Source:

<http://www.journalgazette.net/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080607/BIZ/806070369>

15. *June 6, ABC News* – (National) **Scammers send bogus FBI e-mails.** In the latest of what seem to be an increasing number of Internet scams using official government logos, the FBI is warning computer users about fake e-mails purporting to be from the FBI's Internet Fraud Complaint Center and the British government. The new scam claims to involve a reimbursement of funds lost from Internet fraud. The fake notice informs recipients, "The approved committees have approved the sum of \$35,000.00 (Thirty five thousand dollars) for your scam compensations the bank of England [sic] will be contacting you soon to remit the approved amount to your account." The scam notice indicates that failure to comply will place the funds on hold and a penalty will be applied to the recipient's bank account.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/TheLaw/story?id=5018654&page=1>

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Transportation Sector

16. *June 8, WUSA 9 District of Columbia* – (District of Columbia) **New technology to battle terrorism.** Powerful computer software linked to security cameras is the latest technological weapon being deployed to defend the homeland. 9 News Now has learned that key transportation installations throughout the Washington DC area are employing video analytics, a type of software that is able to detect threats caught on security cameras. The software is normally deployed in military bases, airports, seaports, rail and metro stations and other large sprawling installations. Experts say the

software is only as good as the computer and cameras it is linked to and that this software should be used in conjunction with trained security personnel and not to replace them.

Source: http://www.wusa9.com/rss/local_article.aspx?storyid=72552

17. *June 7, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Morgan's Point man found with explosives.** An early morning high-speed chase Saturday from Bell County to Travis County, Texas, led to the discovery of a number of explosive devices, ammunition, a large rifle, and a handgun in the car of a Morgan's Point man. Morgan's Point Police came across a suspicious vehicle near the fuel tanks at the Morgan's Point Marina. When officers approached the man, the suspect shot himself in the face, police said. The Austin Bomb Squad was called to the scene after explosives, ammunition, and weapons were found in the vehicle. Officials dismantled the devices.

Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/19630794.html>

18. *June 7, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Train collision derailed 30 cars.** Thursday afternoon's train collision at the Springfield, Missouri, rail yard was the result of 31 cars rolling freely after becoming uncoupled during a routine shifting movement, officials for Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) said. Officials still are unsure how the cars came uncoupled. The collision and subsequent derailment of the cars happened shortly after 3:30 p.m. Thursday when the free-rolling cars slammed into a line of cars sitting on the same track. The collision caused a leak in a car carrying potassium hydroxide, a chemical that is a known skin irritant but poses no respiratory risks. "We estimate that 8,000 gallons pooled up in a ditch and we have begun to go about neutralizing the chemical," said a spokesman for BNSF. Springfield's Hazardous Materials Response team was called to the scene as a precaution, but the cleanup was handled by BNSF workers. The collision caused no serious injuries. Cleanup of the accident will continue over the next several days with no set timeframe and will include removal of about 12 inches of soil contaminated with potassium hydroxide, removal of the tipped cars and track repair.

Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080607/NEWS01/806070341>

19. *June 6, Associated Press* – (Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts) **Amtrak in New England to be disrupted June 14-17.** Portions of Amtrak service through New England will be disrupted for four days later this month because of renovations on an aging Connecticut drawbridge and scheduled maintenance elsewhere, railroad officials said. Amtrak will replace the span of the 90-year-old Thames River Bridge between New London and Groton from June 14-17. The work marks the final stage of a multiyear, \$83 million improvement project on the bridge. The number of passengers taking Amtrak trains over the bridge rose from 1.4 million in 2002 to 2.2 million in 2007. The bridge handles 36 passenger trains and two freight trains every weekday. The railroad says it also will do maintenance over the same four days between New Haven and Boston. That work will result in cancellations of Acela Express service between New York and Boston and regional trains between Boston and New Haven. A special northbound and southbound train will operate between Washington, New

Haven, and Boston by way of Springfield, Massachusetts, between June 15 and June 17. Amtrak is urging passengers traveling between Boston and New Haven to make arrangements with commercial bus lines Peter Pan and Greyhound.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap_travel/20080606/ap_travel_brief_amtrak_repairs;_ylt=AlpCAWz2oPoeotczXDgByFys0NUE

20. *June 6, KFDM 6 Beaumont* – (Texas) **Chemical leak causes Twin City highway closure.** Twin City Highway near the Highway 69 interchange is open again after being shut down Friday for more than four hours. A 200-pound cylinder of anhydrous chloride began leaking just before 10a.m. Friday morning at the UPS Freight Center at 6385 North Twin City Highway. Authorities say that the chemical can be toxic in large amounts. Workers were loading five 200-pound cylinders filled with the chemical onto a truck headed for the Goodyear plant when they noticed one leaking. Authorities quickly evacuated nearby buildings, shut down the highway, and redirected traffic. Firefighters contained the leak and reopened the highway a couple of hours later.

Source: http://www.kfdm.com/news/highway_26365_article.html/city_says.html

21. *June 6, Greenville News* – (South Carolina) **DHEC to continue electroplating waste contamination tests.** Contractors have dug up dirt contaminated with dangerous electroplating waste alongside roads, and officials have doubled charges against a Lyman, South Carolina, couple for a hazardous waste spill on nearly 13 miles of neighborhood roads. The two suspects have now been charged with a total of eight counts of violating state pollution, hazardous waste laws, and conspiracy laws, according to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and a spokesman for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. Chromium 6, a byproduct of electroplating that can cause severe redness and swelling of the skin in people who are sensitive to it, was present in the waste, officials have said. An Environmental Protection Agency-hired contractor removed about 10 cubic yards of contaminated soil from five locations along the roads and replaced the excavated areas with clean soil, a DHEC spokesman wrote in a prepared statement. DHEC will continue testing to determine whether contamination has spread, he said.

Source:

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080606/NEWS01/80606032/1001/NEWS01>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *June 6, Albany Democrat Herald* – (New York) **Linn County sheriff: Suspicious powder.** A hazmat team from the Albany Fire Department responded to the parking lot of the Linn County Sheriff's Office Friday afternoon following a report of suspicious white powder. The sheriff said dispatchers received a call about a business letter with white powder that was mailed to a family. The family brought the letter to the sheriff's office, where a deputy met them in the parking lot to avoid any possible contamination

inside the building. The fire department determined that the trace amounts of powder were nothing hazardous, and it was disposed of.

Source: http://www.democratherald.com/articles/2008/06/08/news/local/2loc01_cops.txt

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *June 9, Food Production Daily* – (National) **New method could end lettuce contamination, say researchers.** The Institute of Food Research said that it is currently at the patent application filing stage in regard to an agent it has devised to inhibit bacteria such as E. coli and Salmonella attaching to spinach and lettuce. The bacterial inhibitor is likely to be of interest to fresh produce growers, processors, and retailers, as an outbreak of a food-borne disease can be extremely costly, as well as potentially fatal for the consumer. Microbiological safety is a key issue for entire fruits and vegetables, and for ready-to-eat prepared vegetable tissues, because all are intended for consumption raw, without further preparation or cooking. Bacteria can contaminate crop plants during the growth of the plant or during harvesting, handling, processing, distribution, or preparation. “Our experiments have shown that conventional commercial washing and sanitizing methods to remove microbial contaminants from produce surfaces are only marginally effective,” said the project’s lead researcher.

Source: <http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/news/ng.asp?n=85781-salmonella-e-coli-spinach>

24. *June 8, Seattle Post-Intelligencer* – (National) **Potentially fatal bacteria found in pigs, farm workers.** Federal food safety and public health agencies are being urged to begin checking meat sold across the country for the presence of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), a potentially fatal bacterium. MRSA can be extremely dangerous, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A doctor with the CDC examined the cases of the disease reported in hospitals, schools, and prisons in one year and extrapolated that “94,360 invasive MRSA infections occurred in the United States in 2005; these infections were associated with death in 18,650 cases.” An assistant professor at the University of Iowa’s Department of Epidemiology and her graduate researchers found MRSA in more than 70 percent of the pigs they tested on farms in Iowa and Illinois. According to British newspapers, scientists reported that three patients in separate hospitals in Scotland were infected with MRSA. Doctors reported that none of the patients worked on a farm or had a close association with farm animals. This evidence raised the possibility that MRSA has entered the food chain in Britain. None of the four United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) labs that examine imported food checks for MRSA in imported meat.” We just don’t have a test for it,” said the doctor in charge of the four USDA labs that examine imported food.

Source: http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/366301_pigmrsa09.html

25. *June 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Salmonella illnesses spread to 16 states.** Investigations by the Texas and New Mexico Departments of Health and the U.S. Indian Health Service have tied 56 cases in Texas and 55 in New Mexico to raw, uncooked,

tomatoes. An additional 50 people have been sickened by the same Salmonella “Saintpaul” infection in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. The source of the tomatoes responsible for the illnesses has not been pinpointed, but health officials in Texas and New Mexico said none of them was grown in those two states. At least 23 people have been hospitalized, and no deaths have been reported, she said. Patients ranged in age from 1 to 82. Most infected people suffer fever, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps starting 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness tends to last four to seven days. Many people recover without treatment, but severe infection and death are possible.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080608/ap_on_he_me/salmonella_tomatoes;_ylt=AvmhCY28EtmLoo8ICj4Lsys0NUE

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Water Sector

26. *June 8, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Mason City without water due to floods.** Mason City, Iowa, residents are without drinking water. City officials shut down the water treatment plant after a levee broke on the Winnebago River and flooded the plant. Mason City residents have been told to not drink the water and to avoid going out on the streets. Emergency response officials report severe flooding across numerous places in northern Iowa following a night of heavy rain.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/16544202/detail.html>

27. *June 8, Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Five bodies of water ruled clean.** Only five bodies of water of the thousands of lakes and streams monitored in Oklahoma were found to be clear of harmful levels of pollution, according to a draft government report released last week by the state Department of Environmental Quality. The rest of the waters watched by the state either were not tested or are polluted beyond federal standards. This is the first time any of the Oklahoma waters watched by the state have met all of their water quality standards, said an engineering manager in the water quality division of the state agency. Still, 94 percent of lake acres in the state do not meet federal water quality standards, according to data from the report, called “Water Quality in Oklahoma-2008.” And nearly 75 percent of the rivers the state tests are impaired by some form of pollution, according to federal and state benchmarks.

Source: <http://newsok.com/five-bodies-of-water-ruled-clean/article/3254446/?tm=1212894546>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *June 9, Reuters* – (National) **Microsoft, Kaiser Permanente in data swap pilot: report.** Microsoft Corp and Kaiser Permanente, the biggest U.S. health maintenance organization (HMO), are working on a patient information exchange pilot program to

help give patients more control over their health records. Similar efforts are underway at companies such as Revolution Health Group LLC and Google Inc, which launched its online healthcare service, Google Health, in February. Data kept in Kaiser's personal health records, which includes patients' test results, prescriptions and immunizations, will be shifted to Microsoft's HealthVault, a Web-based service that allows patients to store and manage medical data from a variety of websites and selectively share information with them, the paper reported. Moves by technology companies, hospitals, insurers and the government to give patients more control and access to their medical information through technology are expected to help lower healthcare costs.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN0939925320080609>

29. *June 9, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Harvard researchers fail to report drug payments.** Three prominent Harvard University psychiatrists underreported payments they received from drug makers, a situation that highlights the need for a national reporting system of pharmaceutical company payments to physicians, according to an Iowa senator, whose staff compared records of payments provided by drug makers with conflict-of-interest forms the three psychiatrists provided to the university and Massachusetts General Hospital, where they practice. The university and hospital disclosures made it appear that the psychiatrists were making only a “couple hundred thousand dollars” over a seven-year period beginning in 2000. After the inquiry began, the university and hospital asked the doctors to take a second look at the amounts they received from drug companies. This prompted two of the doctors to report revised totals of more than \$1.6 million each in payments from drug companies between 2000 and 2007. The other reported receiving more than \$1 million. The amounts may be even higher because drug-company records indicate the doctors were still reporting amounts lower than what the pharmaceutical makers say they were paid. The senator said the current method for disclosing conflicts of interest among medical researchers is an honor system in which researchers report their relationships with drug and medical-device makers, but nobody checks to make sure the information is accurate. He is calling for a national reporting system in which drug companies disclose payments to doctors.

Source:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121297210499055941.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

30. *June 7, Associated Press* – (International) **Bird flu detected in Hong Kong market.** Hong Kong health workers slaughtered 2,700 poultry in a market Saturday after chickens were found to be carrying the dangerous H5N1 bird flu virus, officials said. The slaughter may be extended to all live poultry in the territory if the virus is detected in any other locations, China's Secretary for Food and Health said. Routine bird flu checks detected the H5N1 virus in five samples of chicken waste. The samples were collected June 3 from three vendors in the market in the Sham Shui Po residential district, he said. Health officials declared the market an infected area and suspended all sales of live poultry there as authorities trace the origin of the infected chickens.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080607/ap_on_he_me/hong_kong_bird_flu_1

Government Facilities Sector

31. *June 9, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Arson suspected in Texas Governor's Mansion fire.** Investigators are viewing dozens of hours of video surveillance tapes that they say helped them determine someone set the Texas Governor's Mansion afire. The state fire marshal said Monday investigators still are not able to say where in the 152-year-old mansion the weekend fire began. Canine teams are starting to search through debris in the structure to look for signs of fire accelerant. A national response team from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms was also joining the investigation. Source: <http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/ap/tx/5826531.html>
32. *June 7, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Police arrest man with weapons stockpile who claims Obama will be killed.** Naugatuck, Connecticut, police say a man they arrested after finding bomb-making materials and weapons in his home claimed he was preparing for a "revolution" and predicted that presidential candidate Barack Obama would be killed. A police report released Friday says officers found notes in the 43-year-old's apartment that said people need to go to war if they want peace and the government should be afraid of its people. The report also quotes the man as saying he does not like Obama and there would never be a black president because he was going to be killed. The suspect's father says his son is mentally ill. Police say they found bomb materials, an assault rifle, thousands of rounds of ammunition, machetes, and reading materials about combat in the suspect's apartment on Thursday. Source: <http://elections.foxnews.com/2008/06/07/police-arrest-man-with-weapons-stockpile-who-claims-obama-will-be-killed/>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *June 8, Pittsburgh Tribune Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Drill hones emergency units' skills.** Local emergency personnel in Latrobe participated in a two-day \$30,000 disaster drill dubbed "Operation Terminal Stinger" at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. Beneath a blanket of flames along the aircraft, screams emanated from the fuselage. The simulation involved scenarios related to a terrorist attack on an aircraft. Other scenarios have been organized for the Attorney General's Office, a Pittsburgh SWAT team and the state police Special Emergency Response Team. Exercises conclude Sunday with a staged investigation of a hand-fired missile shooting down a small airplane. Overall, the drill provided training for 23 local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies. The airport's participation satisfied a Federal Aviation Administration requirement to conduct a drill every three years. Source: http://www.redorbit.com/news/business/1421926/drill_hones_emergency_units_skills/
34. *June 7, Chillicothe Gazette* – (Ohio) **Disaster drill hones Ohio unit's chemical decontamination skills.** Representatives from the 155th Chemical Battalion -- Ohio's only Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Enhanced Response Force Package

(CERFP) -- teamed with local law enforcement, fire and rescue and emergency management officials to host a drill Friday in Chillicothe. In the drill, local law enforcement executed a search warrant on a suspected meth lab that ended up producing a cloud of an unknown substance and people in the area were evacuated and in need of decontamination. Local residents were put through the decontamination process - stripping off contaminated clothing, being sprayed and washed from head to toe and double checked to make sure they were contaminant-free. The National Guard and Adena Regional Medical Center participated in the exercise.

Source:

<http://www.chillicothegazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080607/NEWS01/806070301/1002>

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Information Technology

35. *June 9, Security Pro Portal* – (International) **Security firm issues warnings over systemic web security vulnerability.** Application vulnerability specialist Fortify Software has issued a warning about a bug in Web authorization technology. The problem, says Fortify's director of product marketing, lies with the VBAAC (Verb-based access and authentication control) aspect of Web security technology. "The flaw is unusual in being systemic and therefore not directed at any one vendor's products, and is essentially a bug in a security feature," he said, adding that the most popular J2EE container applications all have the flaw inherent in their authorization procedures. The flaw allows hackers to manipulate the http: verb to by-pass otherwise effective security controls. "For example, a piece of http: code might seek to limit access to a given directory except for users logged in with ADMIN rights. Exploiting the flaw means that, instead of blocking approaches not specified in a security rule, the code allows almost any method that is not specified," he said. Using this approach leaves the system open to infection by malware, or perhaps worse, by listing specific methods in the security rule, software developers end up opening the system a lot wider than they originally intended," he added.

Source: <http://security.itproportal.com/articles/2008/06/09/security-firm-issues-warnings-over-systemic-web-security-vulnerability/>

36. *June 9, The State* – (South Carolina) **USC warns personal data may be on stolen computer.** The University of South Carolina is warning about 7,000 faculty, staff and students that some of their personal information was on a desktop computer stolen from an office at the business school. The university spokesman said that over the Memorial Day weekend, several items were stolen from an office in the Moore School of Business. While university officials have no evidence anyone's personal information was accessed, they will be notifying about 130 faculty and staff at the Moore School, and just under 7,000 students whose data was contained in the computer

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/breaking/story/428754.html>

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Communications Sector

37. *June 9, CNet News* – (National) **Cell phone operators cautiously embrace Wi-Fi.** U.S. cell phone operators are starting to embrace Wi-Fi in order to extend the reach of their high-speed wireless networks cheaply, but some are being more cautious than others. Wi-Fi is an inexpensive way to improve in-home coverage. Wi-Fi allows operators to leverage a high-speed wireless network that already exists in consumers' homes. Also, because Wi-Fi mobile services are delivered over a consumer's own broadband connection, it reduces the transport cost that the carrier has to pay to get the traffic from the cell tower to its wired backbone network. Some experts say that Wi-Fi can actually help reduce this so-called backhaul expense by a factor of about 10. T-Mobile USA was the first major U.S. wireless carrier to see the merits of using Wi-Fi. Last year the German-owned phone company, which is the fourth largest mobile operator in the U.S., launched its Hotspot @Home service that automatically switches between subscribers' home Wi-Fi networks and its cellular network. For \$10 more a month, subscribers are able to talk as much as they like while on the Wi-Fi network. While it looks like other carriers are taking similar actions, some operators, like AT&T, are hesitating when it comes to offering Wi-Fi services for handsets in fear of cannibalizing existing portions of their business models. Recently, however, AT&T said it would allow its broadband subscribers and 3G, or third-generation, laptop data users free access to its 17,000 Wi-Fi hot spots around the country.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-10784_3-9962474-7.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *June 6, KUTV 2 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Utah man accused in plot to blow up park city building.** A chiropractor was jailed after a bomb scare led authorities to find explosives materials inside of his Park City, Utah, office, police said. A bomb scare occurred at the chiropractor's office early Monday morning, when someone reported seeing bomb-making equipment in the hallway. As investigators searched and secured the office building, they reportedly found more equipment inside the office of a chiropractor. These materials included gasoline, sodium hydroxide, road flares, and a fuse. Officials believe that the equipment in the hallway also belonged to the chiropractor.

Source: http://www.kutv.com/content/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=18247e8b-

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39. *June 6, WABC 7 New York City* – (New York) **NYC crane official arrested.** A senior city buildings official took bribes in exchange for falsely reporting that cranes had been inspected and that crane operators had been certified, but his actions did not appear to be connected to two recent crane collapses that killed nine people, authorities said Friday. City investigators the acting chief inspector with the Department of Buildings' cranes and derricks division, took thousands of dollars in bribes from a crane company. In return, he falsely reported that the company's mobile cranes had been inspected and that its crane operators had taken and passed examinations. The city the acting chief inspector's indiscretions had no connection with the two cranes involved in fatal collapses this year. Those cranes were both tower cranes, not the mobile cranes at the center of this investigation, although he was also in charge of inspections for tower cranes.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local&id=6190189>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

40. *June 9, Orland Park Prairie* – (Illinois) **Bluebird trail hit with explosive vandalism.** Since 2002, one of the six bluebird trails in the Orland Grasslands has been repeatedly vandalized. Each act has escalated in severity from the year before, and this year, an attack to the birds with M83 fireworks has Orland Grassland stewards fearing they may have to shut the trail down for good. The master steward of the Grasslands heard shots on Wednesday, May 28, and the box was discovered by its owner on Friday, May 30. In a previous year paint ballers used the openings of the boxes for target practice, resulting in the death of several young birds. Another year, vandals shot BBs at the houses. Each bluebird trail contains multiple bluebird houses, which Orland Grassland stewards monitor.

Source: http://www.opprairie.com/Articles-c-2008-06-09-179953.112113_Bluebird_trail_hit_with_explosive_vandalism.html

41. *June 9, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Homemade explosives found in Hendersonville Park.** Monday morning, investigators in Hendersonville, Tennessee, were trying to find the person who left three explosive devices at a Federal Reserve. Three devices were found at Rockland Park near Old Hickory Dam. Several organizations, including the bomb squad, were on the scene to detonate the devices.

Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/global/story.asp?s=8450501>

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Dams Sector

42. *June 8, Associated Press* – (International) **Massive landslides, but dam appears to hold after temblor.** China's official news agency says an aftershock has caused massive landslides in a mountainous region in China. The 5.0 magnitude temblor shook a quake-

formed lake, but the dam did not collapse and no new evacuations have been ordered. The Xinhua News Agency says the effect of the 20-second aftershock was not clear, so the dam of unstable mud and rocks remains under surveillance.

Source: <http://www.woi-tv.com/Global/story.asp?S=8447922&nav=1LFX>

43. *June 7, WTHR 13 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Princes Lake dam breached.** The small community of Princes Lake, Indiana, had to evacuate due to flooding after heavy rains Saturday. Princes Lake is actually a group of about 18 lakes, according to the township supervisor. One dam has faltered and two others are in jeopardy. The supervisor said that the flooding was so bad that each lake was flooding into the next. East Lake was the first to develop a hole in its dam. Families living across the street from the dam were evacuated.

Source: http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=8446037&nav=menu188_2

44. *June 7, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Security guards warning boaters to keep away from Dillon Dam.** Security guards have been hired to help protect Dillon Dam in Colorado, warning boaters to stay at least 100 feet away from the dam. The 100-foot rule is not officially in effect yet. A Denver Water spokeswoman said the 100-foot limit would not be enforced until buoys are put in place, which is expected to happen by mid-August. The guards have been using megaphones to warn people to stay 100 feet away to the surprise of boaters and marina managers. The road along the 6,000-foot-long earthen dam could also be closed this summer as Denver Water reviews security there. The federal government has become more concerned about dam security nationally. In January, two men from Denver were questioned after being spotted on the 6,000-foot-long dam when the road was closed because of bad weather.

Source: http://www.examiner.com/a-1429921~Security_guards_warning_boaters_to_keep_away_from_Dillon_Dam.html

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